GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SUICIDES BY INDIANS IN SAUDI ARABIA
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents relating to suicide by Indians in Saudi Arabia have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While some cases of deaths by suicides of Indian nationals are reported to the Indian Missions in Saudi Arabia from time to time, information on specific causes which prompted such suicides have not been reported.Details for the last three years are furnished below:

Number of suicide deaths registered:

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Year EOI, Riyadh  CGI, Jeddah Total


2005   52           17  69
2006 50           20           70
2007   70  14  84
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(c) The Government has introduced a package of measures for the protection and welfare of the Overseas Indian workers.